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SUBJECT: CYPRUS, UNFICYP AUGMENTATION
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GENEVA FOR BUFFUM

1. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT VARIOUS PROPOSALS THAT UNFICYP BE EXPANDED BY ADDITION OF CONTINGENTS FROM COUNTRIES NOT NOW REPRESENTED ON THAT FORCE. WESTRONGLY OPPOSE ANY SUCH PROPOSALS BECAUSE OF OUR FEARS THATTHIS WILL REOPEN WHOLE QUESTION OF UNFICYP COMPOSITION ANDMAN-DATE WHICH COULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOVIETS TO INSIST ON ADDITION OF CONTINGENTS FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. IN PRESENT INCENDIARY ATMOSPHERE IN CYPRUS, THISCOULD WORK VERY MUCH TO DISADVANTAGE OF OBJECTIVES WE SEEK.

2. WE WELCOME COMMITMENTS BY PRESENT TROOP CONTRIBUTORS OF ADDITIONAL FORCES, WHICH ADDITIONS WE UNDERSTAND WILL INCREASE UNFICYP TO JUST UNDER 5,000 TROOPS, FIGURE CITED TO US BY SYG AS HIS FORCE GOAL. HOWEVER, BEFORE GIVING ANY INDICATION OF APPROVAL, WE WOULD WANT TO TAKE A VERY CLOSE LOOK AT SUGGESTIONS FOR EXPANSION BEYOND THAT POINT. WE WONDER ABOUT MILITARY NECESSITY AND WE FEAR IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE FINANCING AS WELL AS POSSIBILITY SUCH INCREASES WILL GIVE SOVIETS AND PERHAPS OTHERS WEDGE FOR REOPENING QUESTION OF MANDATE AND COMPOSITION.

3. AS APPROPRIATE, ALL ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE FOREGOING POINTS.

4. FOR USUN: YOU SHOULD IMPRESS ON SECRETARY GENERAL AND URQUHART STRENGTH OF OUR FEELING ABOUT CHANGES IN UNFICYP COMPOSITION. WE ARE ALSO ANXIOUS FOR AN UP-DATE ON SYG'S PLAN FOR EXPANSION OF UNFICYP, BOTH IN TERMS OF TROOPS NEEDED AND NUMBERS ANDCOUNTRIESOF ORIGIN THOSE TROOPS. WHAT IS THEIR OPERATIONAL THINKING FOR DEPLOYMENT THESE FORCES, PARTICULARLY AS AGAINST AP-PARENTLY EXPANDING TURKISH PERIMETER?

5. FOR NICOSIA: WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR OWN ESTIMATE OF NUMBER FORCES UNFICYP REQUIRES UNDER VARIOUS OPERATIO-
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NAL ASSUMPTION. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON UK AND UN VIEWS IN GIVING US YOUR ESTIMATE.

6. OTTAWA: YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO CANADIANS OUR CON-CERNS AT REOPENING QUESTION OF UNFICYP'S COMPOSITION AND ATTEMPT TO GET CANADIANS TO SUPPORT US ON THIS POINT. YOU SHOULD TELL CANADIANS THAT WE DO NOT THINK, AS COULD BE INFERRED FROM LAST PARA OTTAWA'S 2351, THAT

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IT NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO REOPEN QUESTION OF UNFICYP MANDATE IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. WE BELIEVE, AS THEY MAY TOO, THAT SYG IS IN GOOD POSITION TO GIVE THEMANY NEEDED CLARIFICATION ON ROLE CANADIAN CONTINGENT AND UNFICYP IN GENERAL. INGERSOLL

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